

Amendments to the Specification

Page 2, beginning with line 5, amend the paragraph as follows.

The present invention relates to a pipette ~~according to claim 1. The other claims define some preferred embodiments of the invention.~~

Page 3, beginning with line 24, amend the paragraph as follows.

The pitch of the range adjustment threading can be for instance such that the length of the piston stroke changes 1-8 mm/revolution, ~~such as~~ and preferably 3-5 mm/revolution. Respectively, when adjusting with the fine adjustment threading, the stroke length changes for example 0.1-0.8 mm/revolution, ~~such as~~ and preferably 0.3-0.5 mm/revolution.

Page 3, beginning with line 28, amend the paragraph as follows.

The range of adjustment margin of the range adjustment threading within the pipette volume range can be for instance 1-10 revolutions, typically 3-5 revolutions. The range of adjustment margin of the fine adjustment threading can be for instance 1/3-2 revolutions, typically no more than one revolution.

Page 5, beginning with line 17, amend the paragraph as follows.

Around the shaft 3, in the top part thereof, there is arranged a retainer sleeve 10 provided with a flange 11. The retainer sleeve is surrounded by a fine adjustment nut (such as a sleeve) 12. The jacket of the fine adjustment sleeve is cut by a groove 13 with a fairly low-gradient pitch. Inside the fine adjustment sleeve, there is arranged an inner sleeve 14, the bottom end whereof extends to below the fine adjustment sleeve. At the bottom end of the inner sleeve, there is arranged a flange 15, which is wider than the bottom end of the fine adjustment sleeve. In said flange, and in a corresponding spot in the housing, there is arranged a locking arrangement whereby the turning of the inner sleeve with respect to the housing is prevented. On the outer surface of the inner sleeve, there is a pin 16 fitted in the groove of the fine adjustment sleeve. Said pin is arranged in an elastic tongue provided by

grooves, which tongue is sufficiently flexible in order to allow the inner sleeve to be pushed inside the adjustment sleeve. Inside the top end of the fine adjustment sleeve, there is arranged a threading 17 provided with a nut 18, which nut keeps the retainer sleeve inside the fine adjustment sleeve. Around the retainer sleeve, there is arranged a secondary spring 19 that is more rigid than the return spring 9. The bottom end of said secondary spring presses, by intermediation of a plate 20, against the threshold provided in the shaft 3, and the top end thereof presses against the flange of the retainer sleeve.

Page 10, beginning with line 1, amend the abstract as follows.